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REVOLUTIONARY ARMY ORDERS

For the Main Army under Washington. 1778-1779.

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Head Quarters June 12, 1778.

Major Gen'l tomorrow L'd Sterling Brig'r Huntington.
F. O. Colo. Bradford & Lt. Colo. Weltner.
Brig'e Major Claybourn.
Inspector from the 2 Pensylvania.
For Fatigue Colo. Bradley Lt. Colo. Read & Major Murry.

The Commanding Officers of Regiments are desired to make Returns of Cloathing wanting for their respective Corps & send them to the Cloather Generals Store that they may be Complyed with as soon as possible & as far as Circumstances will admit & as the Cloather General is now in Camp all Accounts relative to that department are likewise to be left their that they may be adjusted the Officers will observe that under our present Circumstances thay are not to make out Returns of Cloathing for more men than they can really collect.

Brigadiers & Officers Commanding Brigades are to Order Fatigue Parties which under their respective forage Masters are to Cut Grass for the Horses belonging to their several Brigades. The Forage Master Gen'l will furnish Scythes for this purpose upon application to him.

The Surgeons of the General & Flying Hospital are to fall upon the most immediate and direct means of removeing all those Sick out of Camp who are proper objects for the General Hospital that the Army may not be incumbered with them in Case a sudden march should be found necessary.

The Commissary General of Issues is derected to be allways prepared with fresh Provision for the Sick in Camp which is to be drawn for them even on those days when Salt Provision is generally Issued.

B. O. The Brigade Court Martial whereof Colo. Parker is President which was Ordered to set the 11 Instant is to set tomorrow morning at the time & place before mentioned.

	S	S	C	P
Detail for Guard . .	1	1	0	7
Fatigue . . .	1			8
In Guard . . .			1	8
Front Guards . .				5
Quarter Guard . .			1	6
	2	1	2	34

Head Quarters June 13, 1778.

Major Gen'l to morrow Mifflin.
Brigadier Patterson F. O. Col. Febeger & L't Col'o Parker.
Brigade Major McComack.
Inspector from Poors Brigade.

A Court of Enquiry whereof L't Colonel Ballard is appointed President will set to morrow morning at the Presidents Quarters to Enquire into the Conduct of Major Williams[1] of the 2d Pennsylvania Regiment at the Battle at German Town and into the Circumstances attending his Capture on that occation all Persons acquainted with the matter to attend.

Returns of what Arms may be now actually wanting to be made this afternoon at the Orderly Office. The Commanding Officers of Regiments are to pay perticular attention that the arms be properly disposed in the Bell Tents the Muskets by being leaned against the Canvas covering instead of the Rack wares it out and are exposed to the Rain.

A Fatigue is to be Ordered from each Brigade for the purpose of cleaning the Old in Campment filling up the Pitts and burning all kind Garbage & Carron that may remain the Poke in this and the succeeding months begins to have a Poisonous Quality the Soldiers are therefore warned against the use of it.

At a General Court Martial whereof Colo. Levenston was

[1]William Williams, Major 2nd Pennsylvania, was captured at the battle of Germantown, October 4, 1777, exchanged April 20, 1778; Lieutenant-Colonel 3d Pennsylvania, June 28, 1778, and resigned April 17, 1780.

President June 8, '78 Colonel Nagle of the 10 Pensylvania Regiment Tryed for associating with a Serjeant in Company with Women of bad reputation in the Serjeants hutt the Court are unanimously of opinion that Colonel Nagle is not Guilty of the Charge and do acquit him. The General approves the Sentance. At the same Court Capt. Handerson of the 9 Pensylvania Regim't Tryed for fraudulently extorting a sum of Money from Alexander Bayard an Inhabitant of this State as a fine for haveing purchased a horse from one John Welch acquitted of the Charge of fraud but found Guilty of extorting money from Bayard which is a flagrant breach of the 5th Article 18th Section of the Articles of War & Sentanced to refund the money and to be reprimanded in General Orders. The General Confirms the Sentance Capt. Handersons Conduct was a dareing Violation of the Rights of a Citizen & Calculated to cut asunder the Sinews of Society.

Glovers N. Carolina Huntington & Weedons Brigades each give a Captain for the Court of Enquiry whereof Colo. Ballard is president, two Men now in Colonel Harrisons Regiment of Artillery are Claimed by the 14 Virginia Regiment two Subs from each Corps will set to morrow morning at 10 O'clock at the Park and Report to which of the Regiments they belong a Captain from Colonel Harrisons Regiment will Preside.

	S	S	C	P
for Guard		1	1	7
3 days Command . .	1	1		2
In Guards			1	5
Quarter Guard . .			1	6
	1	2	3	20

B. O. June 14, 1778.

At a Brigade Court Martial held June 13, '78 whereof Colo. Smith was President L't Cannon[2] of the 5 Virginia Regiment

[2]At this time John Cannon and Luke Cannon were lieutenants in Virginia regiments, but neither appears to have been in the 5th. The officer referred to was doubtless Richard Kennon (frequently pronounced Cannon) who was 2d Lieutenant 5th Virginia, March 1st, 1776, 1st Lieutenant December 17, 1778, retired September 14, 1778, and subsequently served in the Virginia militia.

Tryed first for disobediance of Orders 2ndly and Insolance to L't Colonel Ball. The Court after due Consideration are of opinion that L't Colonel Balls Orders was improper and Mr. Cannon Justifyable in not Complying with it and acquit him of the first Charge, the Court are further of opinion that Mr. Cannon is not guilty of Insolance & ought to be discharged from his arrest. The Brigadier approves the Sentance. William Astern Charged with Theft The Court are of opinion he is Guilty of the Charge and Sentance him to receive 100 lashes, approved.

William Taylor of the German Regiment Tryed for desertion the Court are of opinion the Prisoner is Guilty of the Charge, & Sentance him to receive 50 lashes but from several Circumstances appearing in his favor recommend him as an object of mercy the Brigadier in Complyance with the Centiments of the Court remitt his punishment.

Head Quarters June 14, 1778.

Major Gen. tomorrow De La Fayett.

Brigadier Waine F. O. Colonel Gimly & Major Dickenson.

Brigade Major Cox.

Inspector from Glovers Brigade.

Field Officers for Fatigue Colo. Green Lt. Col. Bedlam & Major Nicholas.

The Brigade Q. Masters are to apply tomorrow for their respective proportions of Paper.

In General Orders of the 12 Instant the Commissary Gen'l of Issues was through mistake inserted instead of the Commissary of purchases who is to observe the said Order.

ADVERTISEMENT.

A very Genteel Silver mounted Sword was found near Sullivans Bridge the 13 Inst. Inquire of Captain Brown at the Artillery Park.

Taken up the other side Schuylkill a dark brown Mare her Tail with some white hairs in possession of Lt. Robinson of the 2 Newhapshire Batt'n General Poor Brigade.

	C	S	S	C	P
for Guard . . .		1	1	1	7
Fatigue . . .			1		5
Front Guards . .					5
Fatigue . . .		1	1		9
In Guards . . .				1	5
Quarter Guard . .				1	6
		2	3	3	37

R. O. June 15, 1778.

A necessary for the Officers & others for the Soldiers are to be erected 80 Yards in Rear of the Officers Tents. The Streets are to be Cleaned 20 Yards in Front of the Tents every day, & all putried matter buried. The Quarter Master will Order two Men from each Company for the above purpose. All Cooking must be Carried on 30 or 40 Yards in Rear of the Officers Tents and no where else. The Cooks are every day to throw their nasty water & bones into holes dug for that purpose & cover it over——. The Soldiers are positively forbid throwing Tomahaws at the apple Trees—the offenders will be severely punished.

Head Quarters June 15, 1778.

Major Gen'l to morrow Lee.

Brigadier Muhlenburg F. O. Colo. Gibson & Major Burket.

Brig'e Major Stagg.

Inspector from Learnards.

F. O. Fatigue, Col'o Nagle L't Col'o Basset & Maj. Allison.

two men are wanting that understand melting Lead the Officers will make inquiry amongst the Soldiers & if they find any that will answer the Purpose they are desired to send them to the Orderly Office immediately Very good incouragement will be given to the same. The Orderly Office is removed to Mr. Paulins on the other side Schuylkill near the Bridge. Capt. Smith Inspector in Varnoms Brig'e is appointed Brigade Major of the same & is to be obeyed accordingly he is to do duty in both Capacities.

Till the duties of the Office of Inspector General shall be defind & fixed by Congress The Commander in Chief thinks

proper to establish the following Plan—The functions of it are to Comprehend the instituteing a System of Rules & Regulations for the exercise the Troops in the Manual and Manoeuvres for their formation, for the purpose of exercise in Guards & on Detachments, & for Camp & Garrison duty, by which is to be understood what ever Relates to the service of Guards—the ordinary Routine of duty in & the internal Police of Camps & Garrisons, in the execution of which Rules & Regulations the Inspector General & his assistants shall be imployed as hereafter specefyed.

All Rules & Regulations shall first be approved & authorised by the Comm'r in Chief & either published in Gen'l Orders or otherwise Communicated thro the Adjut. Gen'l from whom the Devision & Brigade Inspectors will Receive them & Communicate them to the Maj'r Generals & Brigadiers & to their Respective Devisions & Brigades.

The Major Gen'ls will exercise their respective divisions agreeable to the Rules & Regulations so established. The Brigadiers their Brigades the Colo's their Regiments or in the absence of either the officer Present next in Command, the Devision & Brig'e Inspectors will assist in the execution under the immediate Orders of the Maj'r Generals Brigadiers & Colo's Command'g.

The Maj'r Gen'ls shall make such dispositions as they shall think proper for Grand manoeuvres in their own divisions & the Brig'rs in their own Brigades Conforming exactly to the General Principals of manoeuvres which shall be established.

Grand Manoeuvres will be occationally executed by the Inspector General, whose perticular Brigades or with Detachments from the Line of which previous notice will be given in General Orders & of the Corps which are to perform them.

The Inspector Gen'l will occationally attend the Troops whilst exerciseing, his derections Relative to the exercise & agreeable to the Rules laid down are to be observed by every Officer of inferior Rank who may Command.—when any new Manoe. is to be introduced it is in the first Instance to be performed by the Division or Brig'e Inspector after which the Brigadier or Colo. will take the Command.—each Division Inspector shall attend his Maj'r Gen'l when he is of the day & under his derections

assist the field Officers of the day in examineing whether the duties of the Guards is performed according to Rule each Brigade Inspector shall likewise attend his Brigadier when he is of the day for the same purpose.

On the dayly Parade of the Guards the Inspector Gen'l if Present or the Sub Inspector of the day is to exercise the Parade under the Orders of the M. General of the day.

The Division & Brig'e Inspectors are immediately to furnish their Respective Maj'r & Brig'r Generals with all the Regulations which have been heretofore made. The General Reminds the Army of former Orders of being in Constant Readyness to march.

	S	S	C	P
Guard		1	0	8
Fatigue				6
In Guards			1	5
Quarter Guard . . .			1	6
		1	2	25
Fatigue	1	0	0	5
	1	1	2	30

B. O. The Commanding Officers of Reg'ts are without loss of time to Report to the Brig'r the number of Cartridges wanted to Complete their Men to 40 Rounds The Brigade Quarter Master will apply to the Adjutant Ceneral for the number wanting—A Court of Enquiry whereof L't Colonel Weltner is President will set at 12 O'Clock at the Presidents Quarters to enquire into the Charges brought against Capt. Morris of the 9 Virginia Regiment by Mr. Woodson late Quarter Master.

Detail for Court of Enquiry.

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B. O. June 16, 1778.

The Brigadier approves the following Sentances of a Brigade Court Martial whereof Col'o Smith was Presidant held the 15th Instant Randolph Alias John Brockhorse Charged with Desert'g to the Enimy & reinlisting in Col'o Hartleys Regiment—The

Court are of opinion the Prisoner is Guilty of desertion but do not think the evidance sufficiant to prove he deserted to the Enimy—they are also of opinion he is Guilty of reinlist'g in Colonel Hartleys Regiment and Sentance him to Receive 50 lashes on his bare back—John Armstrong Charged with deserting, reinlisting and taken bounty in the Virginia Artillery. The Court do not think the Prisoner Guilty of the first charge, but find him guilty of the second & Sentance him to Receive 50 Lashes on his bare back & that he be Returned to the German Regiment.

John Whiteman Charged with Desertion The Court find him Guilty & Sentance him to Receive 50 Lashes on his bare back & be Returned to his Regim't.

Patrick Fleming Charged with Theft The Court are of opinion the Prisoner is Guilty of the Charge & Sentance him to Receive 100 Lashes on his bare back.

They are also of opinion that such Stoppage shou'd be made out of his pay as will be sufficiant to Pay Jno. Ozie a reasonable price for the Saddle &c Stole from him.

Peter Howard Charged with forgeing a Pass and attempting to Desert.

The Court are of opinion the Prisoner is Guilty of the Charge & Sentance him to Receive 50 Lashes on his bare back but on account of his Youth & Simplicity beg leave to recommend him to the Gen'l for Pardon. The Brigadier wishes to Comply with the Sentiments of the Court on this occation but it appears from the evidence that the Prisoners Simplicity was only the means of frustrating a plan otherwise well Concerted & to Caution him against trying his hand in future, Orders him to Receive one half the Punishment alotted him by the Court.

The Brigadier Orders the above Sentances to be put in execution this evening at the head of the Regiments to which the Prisoners severally belong.

The Brigade Court Martial whereof Colonel Smith was President is disolved.

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